



**Charting the Course to 2025:
The County of York Comprehensive Plan Review
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**

Meeting Notice

York Hall East Room
301 Main Street, Yorktown
Thursday, July 22, 2004
7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan
4. Work program/project schedule
5. Set next meeting date/Discuss meeting schedule (please bring your calendar)
6. Questions to think about
7. Other
8. Adjourn



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Members Present: Nick Barba, Ken Bowman, Jack Davis, Carole Ferro, A. T. Hamilton, Carl Loveland, Mark Medford, Rick Moberg, Al Ptasznik

Staff Present: Mark Carter, Tim Cross, Amy Parker, Earl Anderson, Phyllis Liscum

Chairman Barba called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and welcomed everyone to the committee's kick-off meeting. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

Mr. Cross gave a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the Comprehensive Plan, the review process, and public outreach efforts, which will include a series of 15 neighborhood meetings and a statistically valid citizen telephone survey in the fall. He called the members' attention to a list of questions that had been prepared by the staff as a way to generate thought and discussion about planning and development issues that will need to be addressed in the plan. He asked the members not just to review the questions but also to come up with questions of their own that can be added to the list. Mr. Carter added that these questions will also be put to the citizens in some fashion at the neighborhood meetings that will take place in September and October. They will also serve as the basis for many of the questions that will be used in the citizen survey. Mr. Bowman asked the staff to email the list of questions to the members so they can send them out to their respective email contacts and get their feedback, and Mr. Hamilton suggested that the Board of Supervisors also be encouraged to forward this information to their constituents. Mr. Carter recommended that the Committee plan on finalizing the list of questions at its next meeting and present it to the Communications and Outreach Group at the joint meeting. In addition, members were asked to think about possible questions to include in the citizen survey.

Mr. Loveland asked if the Code of Virginia prevents localities from addressing issues not related to physical development, such as technological advances and the state's tax structure; Mr. Cross responded that although the code defines the comprehensive plan as a "long-range plan for the physical development" of the locality, it does not specifically limit the scope of the plan to physical development. The extent to which the plan addresses such issues will be at the discretion of the Steering Committee, the Planning Commission, and ultimately the Board of Supervisors.

In response to a question from Mr. Bowman, Mr. Cross stated that a full-page article on the Comprehensive Plan review would appear in the next issue of the Citizen News, which will be mailed out in August.

Mr. Medford commented that many of the citizens he has talked to have expressed concern about the capacity of the County's utility networks and whether there will be enough public water and sewer capacity to accommodate projected residential and commercial growth. Mr. Ptasznik noted that citizens sometimes get emotional about planning and development changes that affect their neighborhood. Mr. Bowman added that the County's population is knowledgeable

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and computer-literate and is likely to take an interest in the project once it is publicized more; he stated that he hopes citizen participation in the plan update will help alleviate problems later on when new development is proposed.

The Chairman recommended that everyone take a look at the waterfront revitalization underway in Yorktown for an example of good planning in action. Mr. Davis added that safety in Yorktown needs to be addressed in some way. He expressed concern about nighttime activity he has observed, including speeding and vandalism. Mr. Carter responded that in preparation for the completion and opening of the Riverwalk Landing project in Yorktown, County staff is working on operational issues such as safety, security, and maintenance.

Mr. Davis also recommended that the County start setting aside funds for the purpose of purchasing property and that this be addressed in the plan. In response, Mr. Carter noted that for the past several years the Board has been allocating funds through the Capital Improvements Program for preservation of open space either through fee simple purchase or acquisition of conservation easements. He stated that the Committee will ultimately need to develop recommendations as to how and where this money should be spent.

The Committee established the fourth Thursday of the month as a standing meeting date. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for August 19 and the joint meeting with the C & O Group was scheduled for August 26 (location to be determined).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.